

Safety Work Group Minutes – Wednesday, April 28, 2010 Session.

Present were: Betsy Davis, Dana Stroman, Matt Kelleher and Ralph Vines.

Dana informed the members that the Senior Movie will continue at the Mall. The new theater owners have pledged their support of the Police initiative. It was reported that the new owners have upgraded to digital projection equipment with new enhanced services. The Group suggests inviting County Executive Isiah Leggett to attend one of the movie events and use the venue to promote various Senior Programs/Services. It was also suggested that Mr. Leggett could use the opportunity to acknowledge the participation of the new owners, given that the Senior Movie program cost approximately \$500 per showing. Finally, it was reported that the new owners may be willing to fund free refreshments to seniors (coffee).

Suburban Hospital is also committed to conducting free blood pressure screening during the Senior Movie program.

Safety Group is still seeking participation from Homeland Security. The Group noted Chris Voss had been previously invited but he had failed to accept the invitation. The Group Members will solicit the help of Uma Ahluwalia (Director HHS) or Parker Hamilton (Director Libraries). The Safety Group believes it is vital to follow-up on the suggestions/recommendations discussed at the February 23, 2010 meeting. Those recommendations evolved around “Emergency Preparedness and Lessons learned” as a result of the record snow fall of 2010. The Group also believes a HHS Manager/Chief should participate in the Emergency Preparedness discussions.

Fire/Rescue announced they had acquired a grant to purchase 23 Fire Safety Prevention elements; this device is designed to prevent “Stove Fires”. Fire Rescue intends to offer the units to qualified seniors who do not currently have a Fire Sprinkler System in the home.

OCP, Fire/Rescue and Police had a presence at the Hoarding meeting on March 22, 2010.

OCP and the Police Department jointly participated in an event on April 28, 2010; the event was titled “Forum on Personal Security” which was designed to target Seniors.

The Police Department announced that their May 18, 2010 Senior Forum outreach has been rescheduled; the new date is tentatively scheduled for September, 2010.

Fire/Rescue announced that a new partnership has been formed with *Rebuilding Together*, a non-profit organization that assists low income homeowners. Most of the homeowners are seniors and many of them have mobility impairments. Last Saturday, 28 homes around the county received repairs and modifications to assist these “At Risk” homeowners. Fire/Rescue provides fire safety instruction and escape planning to the homeowners as well as installing new “Ten Year” smoke alarms.

OCP is scheduled to host a Forum for AARP on June 8, 2010 in Gaithersburg.

Next Senior Summit Sub-cabinet meeting is June 16, 2010.

Next Safety Group Meeting: June 21, 2010, 1:00 P.M. @ EOB 12th floor.